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Mrs. Effie Manley
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My dear Mrs. Manley:

Doubtless you have read Cum Posey's column. As you know, the writer has for several years been interested in having organized baseball do something for those players who have devoted their lives to the game, and then when they get too old to play have nothing else to look forward to.

This idea is fashioned after the idea being carried out now by the Major Leagues; which in short means the establishment of a home or a foundation of some sort for Negro ball players. You and I both know that in the nine years since the East-West Game has become an actuality, over two hundred thousand dollars has been taken in. Not a penny of this money has been used to help alleviate the plight of our old ball players.

The writer's idea is this: To stage a game similar to the East-West Game each year. This game could be moved from one Major League city to the other. The proceeds from this game could be used to buy a place in the South preferably, where ball players could go and live after their playing days were over; that is if they had no other job. The place could be a mammoth farm with a large home on it. On this place could be conducted baseball schools to try and perpetuate Negro baseball. The idea, I believe, is one which would have wide-spread popular appeal. I believe that in a period of five or six years, enough money could be raised to establish the finest place of its kind in the country. I believe the committee sponsoring the effort should consist of all the owners of the Negro American League Clubs, sports writers of all the papers, and influential citizens, both men and women, from all over the country in public life.

The writer plans to attend the league meetings and present his idea to those in power. A word from you expressing your reaction to the idea and indicating your willingness to serve on the committee will be appreciated. The writer believes that in lieu of the great work done by the late Rube Foster and C. I. Taylor, the game should be called the Foster-Taylor Memorial Game.

Very truly yours,
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